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WASHINGTON.

The Sumner Specie Payment Bill Indefinitely Postponed.

The Cuban Question.

Neutrality Resolutions to be Reported by the House Foreign Committee.

The Anti-Polygamy Bill Discussed in the House.

The San Domingo and St. Thomas Treaties.

Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Senator Adam Catterson, one member, stated in order to report a bill by which the Postmaster-General is authorized to make such contracts as he may deem necessary for the establishment of steamship lines between the ports of Cuba and the United States. The Committee on Commerce now extends to the Postmaster-General the power to let contracts for the establishment of such lines. The contracts are to be for ten years, and the steamers are to be built in the United States. The great object in this bill, however, is to secure the establishment of a line between Cuba and Key West. The Committee on Commerce, however, do not think that the Postmaster-General should be allowed to make a contract for more than one line. The Committee on Foreign Relations were to-day asked to report a resolution declaring the existence of a state of war between Cuba and Spain, and declaring that the United States will observe strict neutrality between the parties. The Committee on Foreign Relations were to-day asked to report a resolution declaring the existence of a state of war between Cuba and Spain, and declaring that the United States will observe strict neutrality between the parties. The Committee on Foreign Relations were to-day asked to report a resolution declaring the existence of a state of war between Cuba and Spain, and declaring that the United States will observe strict neutrality between the parties.

THE SAN DOMINGO TREATY.

There is going to be a good deal of trading when the San Domingo treaty, and the discussion of tonic come, in secret session of the Senate, will probably be somewhat warm. The President has gone the rounds of the Capitol to talk with Senators about it; Sheridan, and yesterday he invited a considerable number of them to call on him at the White House. Half a dozen wanted on him last evening. Several went this morning, and quite a party is there now. He presses the thing with great vigorousness, and has undoubtedly won several gentlemen over to his side. In some quarters there is severe condemnation of what is called the lobbying. It is not likely that the consideration of the matter will be finished to-day, and it will probably be delayed.

The House Naval Committee have finally fixed on the Brooklyn Navy Yard bill, and it will be reported at the earliest moment. The bill has been agreed to, high officers is to examine the property over there, and on their recommendation such of it, including the new and unfinished ironclad Dictator, as is not needed, is to be from time to time sold at public sale by the Secretary of the Navy, and the proceeds carried into the Treasury. Such parts of the buildings and machinery as can be used to advantage elsewhere are to be taken to other yards for assistance, but no new yards are to be established. This provision kills the project for a yard up the Hudson; but permits the delay of appointing at New London and League Island. If the bill passes, the yards at Charlestown and Mare Island come in for a share of the Brooklyn's sale.

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS.

Financial questions may show progress, both in the Ways and Means and Banking and Currency Committees and for last named meant to do something looking under the Loughridge instructions, but the progress together has been slow. The Ways and Means Committee are at work on the Funding bill, and will report it as soon as it is in shape. The Banking committee are before the House. Members are not at all communicative on the subject of their reports, on good authority, are that they will probably make some important change in the bill, or, rather, in some features of the bill. They talk of doubting that there shall be but one class of bonds, and one rate of interest.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

The Secretary of the Treasury was called on by the House, some days ago, to say at what points he desired that additional Custom-houses and Assay-offices should be erected during the coming fiscal year. He has responded, and mentions St. Louis as one of the places at which the work ought to be done immediately.

ST. THOMAS TREATY.

The action of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee against the St. Thomas treaty, for the lease of Samana Bay, and for the annexation of some of our territory in the West Indies, report against St. Thomas is said to have been unanimous.

TENNESSEE.

The Reconstruction Committee, this morning, heard the statements of the Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, but took no action upon the matter of the reconstruction of the State. A further hearing will be given on Tuesday.

TAXES ON NATIONAL BANKS.

A compilation of the returns, in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, shows that the taxes paid by the National Banks to the United States amount to 2 5-10 per cent on their capital; to the several States in addition 1 per cent; to cities 1 per cent; while their expenses, such as rents, salaries, &c., amount to 2 6-10 per cent upon their capital, so that they pay 6 per cent on their capital to pay taxes and expenses, before they can realize any profits with which to pay dividends.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEUTRALITY RESOLUTIONS RELATIVE TO THE WAR IN CUBA.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs, consisting of Messrs. Washburne, Banks, to report the following joint resolution for the action of Congress:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to use his influence and to take and maintain strictly impartial neutrality between the Government of Spain and the people of the United States in the contest now existing between said Government and the people of Cuba; and be

SECTION 2. *And be it further resolved*, That all such parts of acts, and all provisions of the statutes applicable to the case, as declare what acts shall be deemed violations of the neutrality of the United States, and affix penalties for the punishment of certain offenses against the United States, and give certain powers to officers of the Government, shall be construed to apply equally to the contest between the said Government of Spain and the people of Cuba and the Government of the United States.

BRAZILIAN COASTING TRADE.

The Brazilian Senate has postponed till the end of this year the privilege to foreign vessels to engage in the coasting trade.

BROOKLYN NAVY YARD.

The House Naval Committee have agreed to recommend the sale of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, retaining a few buildings, machinery, &c.

A HALF-INTEREST IN A LONG ESTABLISHED and profitable business will be sold cheap. Apply at 76 South Clark-st., 3d floor.

A MEAT STALL FOR RENT, PROBABLY AMONG the best in the city for the money taken, with or without fixtures. Apply at 76 South Clark-st., 3d floor.

A WELL ESTABLISHED FLOUR, SEED AND Commission business for sale cheap; very good reasons given for selling. Address J. T. TRIBUNE office.

BILLIARD SALOONS FOR SALE IN ONE OF THE most desirable locations in Chicago, a saloon doing a good business; will be sold cheap for cash. Apply at 76 South Clark-st., 3d floor.

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DRUG STORE IN WESTERN IOWA FOR SALE on a good location in a new, well-settled county. Address EDWARD W. THOMAS & CO., BURLINGTON, Iowa.

EXCHANGE—AN AVENUE LOT, IMPROVED, centrally located in the Fifth Ward, for a small stock of goods. Address, stating particulars, A. B. C., Box 6, Chicago.

FOR SALE—OR TO RENT—FIRST-CLASS BOARDING-HOUSE, well-furnished; good reference required. Apply at 45 Clybourn.

FOR SALE—A GOOD PAYING RESTAURANT, with or without fixtures. Apply at 45 Clybourn.

FOR SALE—ONE-HALF INTEREST IN A GOOD paying business; will bear the strictest investigation. Address, with real name, P. O. Box 1,000, Chicago.

FOR SALE—A GOOD SHOP AND TWO LOTS, on Wabash-av., between Thirty-first and Thirty-second-sts. Apply to WM. H. WOOD, 100 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—THE FURNITURE AND LEASE of a first-class boarding-house, containing 30 rooms, in the best location in the city. Apply at 45 Clybourn.

GOOD, BUSINESS CHANCE—A WELL-ESTABLISHED and profitable business for sale cheap. Apply at 76 South Clark-st., 3d floor.

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WANTED—$20 FOR THE SAFEST MANUFACTURING investment in the city. Address, with real name, P. O. Box 1,000, Chicago.

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$15,000 OR MORE CAN BE ADVANTAGEOUSLY invested in a business that will bear the strictest investigation. Address, with real name, P. O. Box 1,000, Chicago.

TO EXCHANGE—A GOOD LOT, FIVE MINUTES' walk from the State House, Springfield, Ill., for Chicago property. Address, with full description, P. O. Box 1,000, Chicago.

TO EXCHANGE—FARMS IN ILLINOIS AND Iowa

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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1878.

THE DAY TAKEN OF THE BETTER

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

Chicago, &c.

Mr. Charles Dana, in the opinion of the Boston Herald, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Evarts as Secretary of State. The Herald says that Mr. Dana is a man of ability, and has been a faithful supporter of the Administration, but that he is not a man of the character and standing which the President should seek in a Cabinet officer. The Herald says that Mr. Dana's appointment will be a disappointment to the country, which is entitled to the best man that can be found for the place, and that the President should not be content with anything less than the best. The Herald says that Mr. Dana's appointment will be a disappointment to the country, which is entitled to the best man that can be found for the place, and that the President should not be content with anything less than the best. The Herald says that Mr. Dana's appointment will be a disappointment to the country, which is entitled to the best man that can be found for the place, and that the President should not be content with anything less than the best.

The Democratic State Convention of Illinois will assemble at Springfield on the 15th of May, and not on the 1st, as has been stated. The Democratic State Committee met in Chicago last night, and decided upon the latter date. The Democratic State Committee met in Chicago last night, and decided upon the latter date. The Democratic State Committee met in Chicago last night, and decided upon the latter date

MEDICAL CARDS.

Dr. Rogers'

Private Matters.

CONFIDENTIAL COUNSEL.

Dr. Hamel.

Lost Destiny

Private Consultation

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Manhattan Beer Pre.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

PARIS, $125. STEERAGE, $30 GOLD.

FAST-SAILING CLIPPER

SCALES.

FAIRBANKS

SCALES.

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Arrival and Departure of Trains.

WESTERN ARRANGEMENT.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Total Sales

New York Dry Goods Market.

Produce Oil Market.

Oil Market.

New York Produce Market.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

CHICAGO DRY GOODS MARKET.

COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

THE COURTS.

Before Two Judgements—The Head of the Procession Gone.

A "Doctor" Found Guilty of Cheating Odious Publication.

Equity Court.

Circuit Court.

Probate Court.

Police Court.

Municipal Court.

Criminal Court.

Court of Chancery.

United States District Court.

United States Circuit Court.

Court of Claims.

Supreme Court.

Illinois Supreme Court.

Illinois Legislature.

Illinois Congressional Caucus.

Illinois Constitutional Convention

Supervisor Kasson Resigns the Presidency of the Board.

Committees Chosen in the Person of Supervisor Blumgardt.

The Fight Over the Normal School Heating Contract.

Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors reassembled at 9 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Supervisor Holland in the chair.

ELECTION VERIFIED.

The CHAIR stated that the Clerk had a communication from Mr. Kearney, which would be read. It was read as follows:

To the Honorable the Board of Supervisors:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to inform you that I have received from the Clerk of the County Court a certificate of the result of the election held in the Second Ward of this city on the 15th inst., for Supervisor, by which it appears that I was duly elected to that office by a majority of 1,000 votes over my competitor, Lyon Kearney. I therefore request that I may be permitted to qualify and take my seat as such Supervisor. Respectfully yours, P. KEARNEY.

On motion of Supervisor WATTS the communication was accepted.

NEW CHAIRMAN.

On motion of Supervisor DONALDS, it was resolved that the Board proceed to the election of a permanent Chairman.

On motion of Supervisor HUMPHREY, the Chair was empowered to appoint a committee of three to act as tellers.

Supervisors Humphrey, Bunde and Clark were appointed.

Supervisor BLUTHARDT nominated Supervisor Blumgardt.

Supervisor CLARK was much obliged to Mr. Gibbs, but felt it was improper for him to be a candidate. He had not been in the Board as Mr. Kearney was for. He had been useful on the Poor House. He was a member of a committee of five which had reported against Supervisor McCormick's claim for extra services, and was responsible for that report. For that reason it seemed to him to be a candidate for Chairman.

Supervisor ACKHOFF nominated Supervisor Gage.

Supervisor BLUTHARDT nominated Supervisor Holland.

On motion, the board proceeded to vote as individuals, the roll being called by the Clerk. The vote resulted as follows:

For Supervisor Blumgardt—Supervisors Blumgardt, Bunde, Clark, Gage, Holland, Kasson, Kelly, Patchen, Schwenn, Troch, Waterman—11; nays, 0.

Supervisor BLUMGARDT then took the chair, and announced the standing committees as follows:

The new CHAIRMAN, in taking his seat, thanked the members for the confidence reposed in him, and promised to act fairly and impartially.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from the Chicago Relief Society, relative to the disposition of poor inmates of the to other counties, and asking that, when necessary, the County Agent be allowed them to go. The letter was referred to the Committee on Poor House and Paupers.

Certain petitions relative to over-assessments were referred to the Committee on Equalization of Taxes.

A communication from R. T. Crane, asking that the action of the Committee on Poor House and Paupers in reducing the number of the Institution to Walworth, Twohig & Purse be rescinded, and making certain explanations relative to the fact, was read.

It was moved to refer it to the Special Committee of Nine.

Supervisor BUNDE moved to lay the whole matter on the table.

The motion was not agreed to—yeas—Bosenberg, Berg, Conley, Conrad, Clinton, Maguer, Holland, Kelly, Patchen, Schwenn, Schwerd, Troch, Waterman—11; nays, 8.

Supervisor HOLLAND moved that the communication be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Supervisor BUNDE moved that it be referred to the Special Committee of Nine.

Supervisor HOLLAND said the whole matter was in the courts, and the board could do nothing in regard to it.

Supervisor GRAY said the contract was let contrary to law. It was made without any legal authority. No process could be issued, and the same day a load of material was sent out to the Poor House and Bench and Bench was let. The matter should be taken in such as possible. It seemed as if the committee of nine were going to get it shoved until the work was finished. The old Committee on Poor House and Paupers had reported on the Poor House, but he understood the new one had included both buildings in its report.

Supervisor HOLLAND was not proposing to do any making. He only wanted to know the position now. The injunction gotten out did not stop the work. It was commenced on the board the same day. Why Mr. Grace got out such a case. The resolution appointing the committee was simply to look into the matters. They were now waiting for the report of that committee. Several members of the Poor House and Paupers were ready now to move the building. They were waiting for the report of Mr. Grace. He thought it was premature to take action now.

Supervisor WORTHINGTON said it a very important question. Where the committee to observe their duties? Here was a matter that had been let in defiance of the resolution of the board. It was time for them to check the committees. Supposing the board declared the contract void, and Walworth, Twohig & Purse, of the board, plainly showed the contract should have been let to them.

The CLERK said the contract was signed between 10 and 11 o'clock on the morning and evening after the injunction was served.

Supervisor MORRISON thought it possible that the contract was let before the injunction was served. He was not in favor of defending the board. It was the duty of the board to check the tax-payers, it should be defended no longer.

Supervisor BUNDE wanted to know whether the Committee on Poor House and Paupers had employed counsel against the Board of Supervisors, and, who were paying the salaries. He supposed the tax-payers were paying for it.

The motion was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The motion was then agreed to.

In reply to an inquiry, Supervisor KEARNEY stated that he and Mr. Gladeb agreed that they would pay for their services if the contract had been signed, and they were no further interested. Mr. Gladeb was present. Mr. Purse had engaged counsel to defend their interests. Both parties were present on the morning when the injunction was served. Supervisor McCormick and Mr. Gladeb were present. Supervisor McCormick had charge of the matter for that report. For that reason it seemed to him to be a candidate.

Supervisor ACKHOFF nominated Supervisor Gage.

Supervisor BLUTHARDT nominated Supervisor Holland.

On motion, the board proceeded to take an informal vote, the roll being called by the Clerk. The vote resulted as follows:

For Supervisor Gage—Supervisors Gage, Holland, Kasson, Kelly, Patchen, Schwenn, Troch, Waterman—8; nays, 3.

Supervisor GAGE thought that Mr. Gage, Chief Clerk of Mr. Grace should be requested to consult with the Committee.

Supervisor WATERMAN thought so. No man agree that Mr. Grace should be consulted.

Supervisor BLUTHARDT said it was a pity the Clerk Court's counsel, The contract

Mr. Grace was into the committee the following resignation was read:

I, there are three clerks out. There were but 11 of the 12 Supervisors present. Mr. Grace was not in the committee room. Mr. Grace was not in the committee room. Mr. Grace was not in the committee room